

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m., on Monday, October 26, 2009.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 3919–3923; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 862–869 were introduced. **Pages H11739–40**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H11740**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 1612, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service (H. Rept. 111–312, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend, modify, and recodify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–205, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 3258, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of the public water systems of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–313). **Page H11739**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate. **Page H11715**

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 3619, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010, by a yeas

and-nays vote of 385 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 813. Consideration of the measure began on Thursday, October 22nd. **Pages H11717–24**

Agreed to:

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–311) that prohibits earmarking the Fishing Safety Training Grants Program; **Pages H11717–18**

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–311) that prohibits earmarking the Fishing Safety Research Training Grants Program; **Page H11718**

Kirkpatrick (AZ) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–311) that requires that the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat the illicit flow of narcotics, weapons, bulk cash, and other contraband through the use of submersible and semi-submersible vessels; **Pages H11718–19**

Nye amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–311) that states that the marine safety provisions of the bill shall not impair the Coast Guard's homeland security missions; **Pages H11720–21**

Oberstar amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–311) that requires the Coast Guard to modify the 2004 Agreement for Outgoing Loans with Presque Isle Township, Michigan, in order to provide for the return of the Historic Fresnel Lens to the lantern room atop the Presque Isle Light Station Lighthouse, Michigan; **Page H11721**

LoBiondo amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–311) that grants limits on liability for actions taken by an owner, operator, time charterer, master or mariner to defend a flagged vessel against attack by pirates. It also requires the secretary to

work through the International Maritime Organization to establish agreements to promote coordinated action among flag-and port-states to protect against piracy; and

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Kratovil amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–311) that requires the Coast Guard to study the facility infrastructure requirements needed to fulfill the Coast Guard's missions and capabilities, and ensure that the department in which the Coast Guard is operating maintains the ability to utilize the latest technologies (by a recorded vote of 398 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 812).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 853, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Thursday, October 22nd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26 for morning-hour debate, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, for morning-hour debate.

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Quorum Calls Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11723, H11724. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 26 through October 31, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, following a period of morning business, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Irene Cornelia Berger, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 27, Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant and Animal Health, with the Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support, to hold joint hearings to examine low dairy prices, focusing on exploring avenues for federal action, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 28, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine dark pools, flash orders, high frequency trading, and other market structure issues, 10 a.m., SD–538.

October 29, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine modernizing affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: October 29, to hold hearings to examine performance-informed budgeting, focusing on opportunities to reduce cost and improve service, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the broadband stimulus programs in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine combating distracted driving, focusing on managing behavioral and technological risks, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

October 29, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 28, to hold hearings to examine the role of natural gas in mitigating climate change, 10 a.m., SD–366.

October 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine current and expected impacts of climate change on units of the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD–366.

October 29, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 607, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 1328 and H.R. 689, bills to provide for the exchange of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, S. 1442, to